



WEEK  
**FOUR**  
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LARGE  
GROUP  
**K-5**

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Show Me How to Live  
Love in Action  
1 John 3:16-18

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Jesus showed us how to give.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Every good and perfect  
gift is from God.  
James 1:17a, NIV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Generosity—Making someone's day  
by giving something away

### BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way  
I want to be treated.

### SMALL GROUP

**10**  
MI

**SOCIAL:** Providing Time for Fun Interaction  
Early Arriver  
Opening Activity

### LARGE GROUP

**30**  
MI

**STORY:** Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways  
**WORSHIP:** Inviting People to Respond to God  
Opener  
Worship ("Alive" from *Hillsong Young & Free*, and "At the Top of My Lungs" from Orange Music)  
Bible Story  
Bottom Line  
What's Our Part in the Story?  
Prayer

### SMALL GROUP

**25**  
MI

**GROUPS:** Creating a Safe Place to Connect  
Bible Story Review: Act It Out! (*k-1st grade*), Chain of Giving (*2nd-3rd grade*)  
Application Activity: Props (*k-1st grade*), Giving Relay (*2nd-3rd grade*)  
Memory Verse Activity: Ship That Package! (*k-1st grade*), Balloon Bop (*2nd-3rd grade*)  
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss



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## LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

*AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.*

*SLIDE: THEME*

*OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP*

*Host enters.*

*OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME INTRO OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP*

## OPENER

HOST: "Hi, everybody! I'm so glad to be here with all of you at [name of your environment]."

"I've got a question for you. Have you ever sent a 'special delivery' with one of these?"

*Hold up one of the paper airplanes.*

"Have you ever written down a message on a piece of paper, then folded it up into a paper airplane to fly over to someone? It's pretty fun!"

"I've got a message that I need your help decoding, and it's in several different parts. That's why we have all of these airplanes here. (Reference the rest of the paper airplanes.)"

*Worship Leaders enter.*

"In just a minute, we'll fly them out into the audience. If you catch one, I need you to take it over here—to the Post Office."

*Reference the table with the "Post Office" sign.*

"Once we have all of the parts of the message on the table, we can work together to decode it."

"Are you ready? Here we go!"

*AUDIO: FUN, INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC*

*Worship Leaders throw the paper airplanes into the audience, one at a time. Host: Stand in the audience to*



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*guide the kids and show them what to do. When kids catch the airplanes, they will take them over to the “Post Office” (table) on the side of the room.*

*Host: When the first kid brings their airplane over to the table, have them unfold the paper so the word is visible. Announce the word so the audience can hear it as well. In the same way, announce the words as the kids bring them over to the table. Help the kids unscramble the papers to decode the message, getting the audience to shout out ideas whenever possible.*

“Wow! It looks like these messages actually work together to spell out our Memory Verse—James 1:17.

*Get the kids who brought the paper airplanes to stand in order, holding up their words to spell out the Memory Verse.*

“Let’s all say it together!

**SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE**

EVERYONE: *Every good and perfect gift is from God. (NirV)*

**SLIDE: THEME**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP**

HOST: “That’s so good! And it’s true—everything good in our lives is a gift from God. That makes US want to give and show God’s love to the people around us. Let’s all jump up on our feet and get ready to worship God together.”

*Collect the paper airplanes as you dismiss the kids to their seats.*



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## WORSHIP

*Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.*

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, everyone! Are you ready to sing? *(Pause for response.)* Are you ready to move? *(Pause for response.)* There's nothing I love more than getting to worship with all of you. It's time for us to sing, clap, dance, and have fun celebrating Jesus. Sing this with me!

*OPTIONAL VIDEO: "ALIVE" LIVE LYRICS*

YES! So good. We love hearing you sing and watching you move! Okay, one more song for today, let's sing AT THE TOP OF OUR LUNGS!

*OPTIONAL VIDEO: "AT THE TOP OF MY LUNGS" LIVE LYRICS VIDEO*

Awesome! Thanks for singing with us. Celebrating him is such an important part of our faith. Thank you for all of your praises today!

Let's pray (pray in your own words).



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## BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

*Storyteller enters, holding the photo album, as Worship Leaders exit.*

## SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hello, everyone! (*Hold up the photo album.*) I brought this photo album with me today. It seems like these days, most of the photos we see are on a phone or computer . . . but I kind of like having a book of pictures I can look through to remind me of fun and important things that have happened.

*Flip through the photo album and point out three or four pictures. Hold them up so the audience can see. You could also walk around the room to give kids who aren't sitting up front a chance to see. Then put the photo album down.*

"I'll show you a little bit later what this photo album has to do with today's Bible Story. (*Hold up Bible.*) Actually, it's not so much a story as it is a really important idea about how we can be generous.

"The book of 1 John in the Bible is actually a letter. It was written by John, who was one of Jesus' closest friends and followers.

SLIDE: PHOTO ALBUM IMAGE 1 (JOHN AND JESUS)

"In this letter, John was writing to some followers of Jesus who were facing some big problems. There were false teachers who were saying things about Jesus that were just not true! So John wrote this letter to encourage the believers and explain how God had shown amazing love for us by sending Jesus. John also wanted to help these believers understand how we can become more like Jesus as we follow Him.

SLIDE: PHOTO ALBUM IMAGE 2 (JOHN WRITING)

## HOW JESUS SHOWED LOVE

STORYTELLER: "Listen to these powerful words that John wrote.

*Open the Bible to 1 John 3:16 (NirV) and read.*

*We know what love is because Jesus Christ gave his life for us. (NirV)*

SLIDE: PHOTO ALBUM IMAGE 3 (CROSS)

"Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sins. Jesus showed us that real love isn't just a feeling. It's about taking ACTION.

SLIDE: PHOTO ALBUM IMAGE 4 (JESUS WITH PEOPLE)

"Jesus lived His whole life loving, serving and teaching the people around Him. He gave his time, His energy, and His compassion. Jesus is God's Son! He could have demanded that everyone serve Him, but instead, He took on the role of a servant. He even washed His friends' dirty feet and told them that THAT'S the kind of love we should show every day.



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*SLIDE: PHOTO ALBUM IMAGE 3 (CROSS)*

“In the end, Jesus did the most loving thing ever when He gave up His life so that we could be in relationship with God.

*SLIDE: PHOTO ALBUM IMAGE 2 (JOHN WRITING)*

## **GIVE OUR LIVES**

STORYTELLER: “Let’s go back to what John wrote in his letter.

*Open the Bible to 1 John 3:16 (NirV) and read.*

*We know what love is because Jesus Christ gave his life for us. So we should give our lives for our brothers and sisters. (NirV)*

“Okay. Wow. So we know how generous Jesus has been to us. He gave His life on the cross for us. So now we should respond by giving OUR lives for other people. That could mean showing love in all kinds of ways. And we can start with paying attention to the people around us and seeing what they need.

“John continued his letter this way:

*Open the Bible to 1 John 3:17 (NirV) and read.*

*Suppose someone sees a brother or sister in need and is able to help them. And suppose that person doesn’t take pity on these needy people. Then how can the love of God be in that person? (NirV)*

“It makes sense that God’s love makes us want to give to others and help them when they’re in need. We can think back to the way Jesus treated people and follow His example—by showing love, kindness, and compassion.

*SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND*

## **PHOTO OP**

STORYTELLER: “I’ve got a fun idea to help us see what that might look like for us today.

*Pick up the photo album.*

“Just like we looked at some of my photos earlier, I thought it might be fun if we create some of our own photos—right here, right now. I’ll give each small group a situation where someone might need some help. Then I want you to work together as a group to make a pose of what it would look like to help that person. When you’re ready, I’ll come around and take a photo of each group. Then we’ll have a ‘photo album’ full of great examples of how we can give love—by remembering what Jesus did for us!

“Here are your scenarios.

*Give an index card to each Small Group Leader with a different scenario on it.*



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*(As you pass out the cards)* “Remember, you’ll need to read the scenario with your small group, and then talk about something you could do to help that person. THEN you’ll get in place and make a pose with everyone in your group that shows what you could do to show God’s love. Don’t worry if you don’t have props. Just pretend you have whatever item you want to show, and act it out together. Then I’ll come around and take your picture! Make sense? Okay, go!

*Give the groups some time to come up with their ideas of how they could help. Be ready to provide suggestions as needed. Encourage the groups to get into their poses after some time has passed (after about a minute or so).*

“I can see some great poses out there. Let me come take some pics for our photo album!”

*Go around to each group and take a photo of their helping pose. When you’re done, take your phone to the tech booth so the tech team can download the photos and load them to show on screen later.*

## WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Way to go, everybody! That was so great! You can all have a seat now. “You had some great ideas of how to show love and ‘give your lives’ to help others, like John said in his letter. In just a minute, we’ll put those pictures up on the screen and take a look at our photo album together.

“Listen to what John wrote next:

*Open the Bible to 1 John 3:18 (NIRV) and read.*

*Dear children, don’t just talk about love. Put your love into action. Then it will truly be love. (NIRV)* “Let me read that again.

*Dear children, don’t just talk about love. Put your love into action. Then it will truly be love. (NIRV)*

“When we follow Jesus, we put love into action. We have the amazing opportunity to give up our lives in big and small ways each day and show a beautiful picture of God’s generosity to the world. And we have the very BEST example of that when we remember the way Jesus gave and served others.

**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

“Jesus showed us how to give. Say that with me.”

STORYTELLER AND KIDS: “Jesus showed us how to give.”

*Host enters.*

STORYTELLER: “One more time!”

STORYTELLER, HOST, AND KIDS: “Jesus showed us how to give.”



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## WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

HOST: "We can 'give up our lives' by living to help other people, and being generous with what we have. The most important thing that we can do every day is to look to Jesus and ask God to help us become more like Jesus."

STORYTELLER: "Yes, exactly! Jesus showed love by giving His life—in lots of different ways. He was incredibly generous. He put love in action. When Jesus gave up His life on the cross, it was the greatest act of love ever! But Jesus had already been giving up His life every single day as He gave His time and His compassion to meet the needs of the people around Him."

HOST: "Jesus gave everything for us! And because He gave, He set a great example for us of how we can be generous too."

*SLIDE: VIRTUE*

*OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE*

"Remember, generosity is about making someone's day by giving something away."

*SLIDE: THEME*

*OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME*

*OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP*

*Note: By this point, the photos should be loaded in your presentation software and ready to show on screen.*

STORYTELLER: "That's such a great way to **[Basic Truth]** treat others the way we want to be treated. (To audience) What do you say we look at our 'photo album' of ways we can give to others and put love in action?"

*SLIDES: PHOTOS YOU TOOK OF THE GROUPS DURING THE BIBLE STORY*

*Put each photo on screen, one at a time. Let each Small Group Leader explain what's happening in their photo—explaining the scenario as well as what they're doing to help. Keep this moving quickly, but make sure to show all of the photos to give some examples of love in action.*

*Note: If you have picture permission, you could even share some or all of these photos on social media, along with the 1 John 3:16-18 passage, to help parents see what their kids are learning in your environment!*

*SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND*

HOST: "Those were some amazing examples of following Jesus and putting love in action! God has put people in our lives who need our help. When we keep our eyes open, God can show us ways to give and make a difference for the people around us."

"Let's pray and ask God to help us with that."



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## PRAYER

STORYTELLER OR HOST: "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus for us. Thank You for the way Jesus showed us what it means to give up our lives for others. Please help us to follow Jesus' example. Help us to see the needs of the people around us . . . and give us wisdom to think of ways we can help. Help us to put Your love in action! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*

*AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.*

*SLIDE: THEME*

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